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For	: Method for Selecting Compounds from a Combinatorial or Other Chemistry Library for Efficient Synthesis		

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

Please cancel Claim 1.

Please add Claim 2 as shown on the enclosed sheet entitled "Clean Copy".
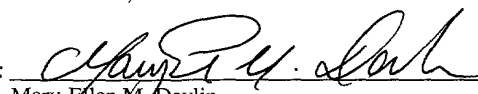
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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

2.   A method for determining the most efficient synthesis of a representative set of
compounds from a large chemical library, which large chemical library has been
partitioned into regions of similarity or clusters, each cluster being represented by
a skeletal structure having a core, locations for substitutions on the core (specific
substituent group location) and a set of substituents for each substituent group
location, the improvement which comprises;

   (a)   determining the most frequent substituent within a specific substituent
group location across the clusters;

   (b)   eliminating all the clusters and their contents for that substituent
determined in step a);

   (c)   repeating steps a) and b) for all substituents to produce a first ordered list;

   (d)   repeating steps a), b) and c) for each specific substituent group location to
generate second, third, etc. ordered lists;

   (e)   determining the cross-products of each of the lists;

   (f)   eliminating all the clusters covered by such cross-products;

   (g)   repeating steps a) through f) until all clusters have been eliminated; and

   (h)   synthesizing the representative set of compounds according to the results
of step (g).